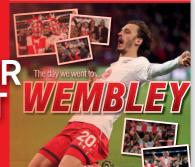
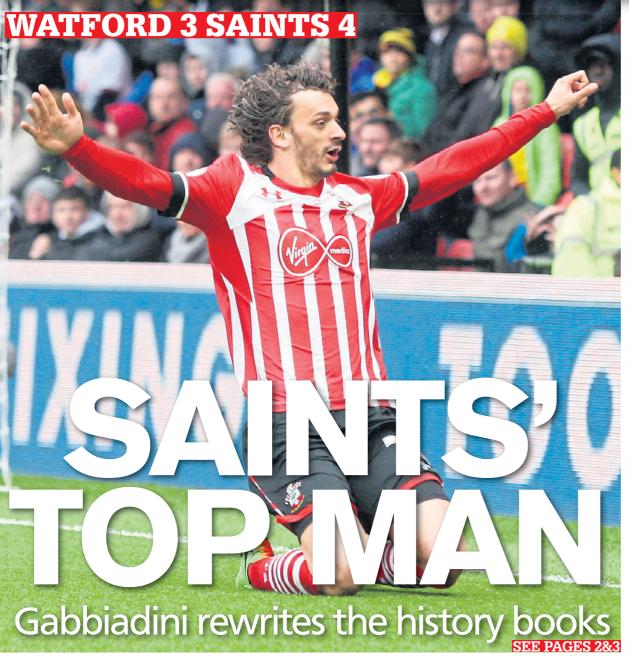
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PLEASED AS PUNCH: Nathan Redmond celebrates netting his second goal



HEAD-TOHEAD: Watford's Troy Deeney (left) and Southampton's Maya Yoshida battle for the

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team for the third game in a row.

The side that defeated Sunderland 4-0 and then lost the EFL Cup final to Manchester United at Wembley were kept together for the game at Watford.

That meant Martin Caceres was still left to wait for a first Saints start.

The only change in the matchday squad saw Jordy Clasie replace Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg on the bench. SAINTS: Forster, Cedric, Stephens, Yoshida, Bertrand, Davis, Romeu, Ward-Prowse, Tadic, Redmond, Gabbiadini.

Subs: Hassen, Caceres, McQueen, Clasie, Boufal, Rodriguez, Long.

WATFORD: Gomes, Kaboul, Prodl, Britos, Holebas, Cleverley, Behrami, Capoue, Niang, Deeney, Okaka.

Subs: Arlauskis, Mariappa, Cathcart, Zuniga, Doucoure, Stewart, Success

MANOLO Gabbiadini rewrote the Saints history books as Claude Puel's side bounced back from their Wembley heartbreak with a memorable win at Watford.

The Italian striker scored his sixth goal since signing to become the first Saints player to net in his first four games for the club.

Gabbiadini put Saints 3-2 up in the 83rd minute and Nathan Redmond's second shortly afterwards proved to be the winner of this absorbing seven-goal thriller.

Watford captain Troy Deeney volleyed his side into a third-minute lead.

But Dusan Tadic equalised in the 28th minute and in first halfinjury time Redmond ended a flowing Saints move that he began by drilling his first of the afternoon into the far corner.

The helter-skelter second half was a far cry from the goalless draw in the corresponding game of last season.

Saints responded to Okaka's equaliser with a double whammy before Watford netted a injury-time consolation.

Saints manager Claude Puel named an unchanged side for the third successive match, following the 4-0 win at Sunderland and the impressive performance at Wembley.

Simon **Walter**



The return to a 4-2-3-1 formation has now yielded back-to-back Premier League away wins for the first time this season – and ten

goals in three games for Saints.
But Deeney got Watford off to
the perfect start when his sidefooted volley, from the corner of
the six-yard box, went into the far
corner of Fraser Forster's goal,
following a throw from Younes
Kaboul.

A good tackle from Yoshida kept Stefano Okaka at bay after the Italian forward burst down the right and another raid from M'Baye Niang was quashed during a bright start from the home side.

Saints' first foray ended with James Ward-Prowse's cross sailing harmlessly behind for a goallieb

Ryan Bertrand was not short of confidence after his outstanding performance in the EFL Cup final.

His one-two with Dusan Tadic was followed by a cross that was cut out at the near post.

Ward-Prowse had Saints' first effort on target. He won a corner

with a fiercely struck cross-shot that was turned behind by Heurelho Gomes following Tadic's well-weighted lay-off.

Cedric was booked for a foul midway inside Saints' half and from the resulting free-kick Jack Stephens did well to block an effort from Okaka, who fired wide.

Saints were always a threat on the counter attack.

Gomes was forced into another save, this time at his near post from Gabbiadini, before Bertrand cut in and drilled a right-footer wide as Saints continued to look for an equaliser.

The solidly built Okaka was a threat in the air and headed wide two deliveries from Jose Holebas; a cross from the left and a right-flank corner, before referee Jonathan Moss took aside Jack Stephens and Sebastian Prodl for a quiet word.

Saints countered well through Steven Davis, Oriol Romeu and Ward-Prowse before the ball was switched to Bertrand.

When Tadic's cross was blocked, Watford broke.

Etienne Capoue, Watford's goalscorer at St Mary's on the opening day of the season, cut on to his right and fired powerfully but just wide of Forster's right-hand upright.

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Then Saints equalised.

Tadic fired low into the far right corner from 15 yards out through a crowded penalty area soon after being crowded out as he attempted to dribble his way through.

Redmond appeared to be in an offside position, but ensured he was not interfering with play by jumping over the ball as it made its way into the bottom corner, as Gomes dived underneath him.

Gabbiadini was booked for a foul on Valon Behrami in front of the dugouts before threatening to become the first Saints player to score in his first four games for the club, following a quick exchange of passes.

Ward Prowse whipped a leftflank free kick just wide of the near post before an encouraging move involving Romeu, Redmond and Davis ended with Gabbiadini flagged offside.

The Italian headed away a corner at the near post and Tadic did well to block a Kaboul shot inside the Saints area.

At the other end, Gomes saved from Tadic at his near post and dealt comfortably with a Cederc 20-yarder before Okaka was booked for dissent.

Then, in first-half injury time, Redmond put Saints in front by ending a wonderful move that he began with a clinical finish into the far corner.

Redmond continued his Wembley form by beating two players before finding Ward-Prowse, who played in Cedric.

The Portugese pulled it back for Redmond, who had continued his run and finished clinically in the bottom of the far corner.

Ten minutes into the second half, Gabbiadini went on a thrilling run to the delight of the Saints fans behind Gomes's goal.

He beat his man on the outside and surged into the penalty area before being denied following a misunderstanding with Tadic.

Romeu fired over when Holebas headed away a Tadic cross and Yoshida did well as Okaka threatened an equaliser.

Ward Prowse was denied at the near post following a swift onetwo with Tadic, whose 25 yard half volley was turned behind for



FULL STRETCH: Saints goalkeeper Fraser Forster makes a save



LEVELLER: Dusan Tadic celebrates netting Saints' first goal

another flag kick by the leaping Gomes.

From Tadic's free kick, Gomes then did well to thwart Yoshida from close range.

Roared on by a passionate

Vicarage Road crowd, Watford looked for the equaliser.

Forster denied Okaka at his near post and with time to get a shot away at the far post following Holebas's cross, Deeney of all people missed the target.

Ten minutes after replacing Capoue, Isaac Success provided the cross from which the Hornets stung Saints a second time.

He whipped it in from the left and Okaka completed the one-two by sidefooting in the equaliser at the near post as Stephens tried in vain to block his effort.

Stephens came out on top against Okaka before another substitution reaped dividends. Sofiane Boufal, having replaced Ward-Prowse in the 78th minute, drilled a 20-yarder that bounced off Gomes' chest – and Gabbiadini gobbled up his sixth goal in four games.

As if that was not enough, Redmond was allowed to ghost down the left unchallenged before drilling the fourth emphatically into the roof of the net

It was the perfect post-Wembley pick-me-up for the delighted Saints fans who made the trip. Even Abdoulaye Doucoure's injury-time consolation could not dampen their spirits.

Puel hails players' character

CLAUDE Puel praised the character of his side as they bounced back from their Wembley heartache with a thrilling 4-3 win at Watford.

Saints showed great spirit to rally after the EFL Cup final defeat and win in remarkable style at Vicarage Road

Manolo Gabbiadini made history by becoming the only player to score in his first four games for Saints, while Nathan Redmond netted twice and Dusan Tadic grabbed the other.

It was the second away league game in a row in which Saints have scored four times.

A delighted Puel said: "I think we stayed on the good character we showed against Manchester United and after this great game in the final we keep the capacity and the ability to come back in the Premier League is strong I think

"I am happy with all my players of course because it was a difficult game to prepare after the final and the disappointment and it was difficult because we played a difficult team with long balls, second balls, counter attack.

"I think we come back normally on the game and after 2-1 it was I think a good control of the game with the ability for the opponent but we know it is always difficult against this team with direct play and the second ball is always possible.

"I liked of course the character to come back after the kick-off to score a third goal and it was fantastic and now it is important to be clear about this character and quality on the pitch."



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Mark makes shock Stags return

MARK Gamble made an unexpected return to AFC Totton last Saturday, climbing off the bench in their 2-1 home win over Didcot Town.

It ended a frustrating ten months on the sidelines for the former Wimborne Town hot-shot who had never truly shrugged off the ankle problems he suffered when he was still a Magpie.

Gamble was signed by
Totton on an 18-month
deal in January last year,
having been out of action at
Wimborne since the previous
October with two displaced
bones in his foot and ankle
ligament damage.

ligament damage.

He came safely through
a medical prior to penning
his Totton deal and couldn't
wait to get firing again in the
Southern One South & West.

But it wasn't long before the ill-fated Ulsterman broke down again, eventually leading to a parting of the ways with the Stags.

Ten months on he is back



Mark Gamble

at the Testwood Stadium, signing on for the remainder of the season as a favour to Louis Langdown - appointed Stags boss in mid-November - and player/assistant Adam Wilde, who are both good friends.

Speaking after his halfhour run-out against Didcot, Gamble said: "It's my first game for ten months.

"I've had two clear-out operations on the ankle and I had a strong cortisone injection about six weeks ago.

ago.
"In hindsight, I probably should have knocked football on the head last season and got the ankle sorted for the start of this season.

"After signing for Totton last year I probably only played six or seven games and I wasn't fit either, to be

"But the ankle feels alright now and I've come back because I've known Louis and Adam for years.

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PINK CHERRIES FOOTBALL Cherries hold

ZLATAN Ibrahimovic's failure from the spot could be compounded by a spell on the sidelines, with the Football Association sure to look at the Manchester United striker's elbow and Tyrone Mings' stamp after ten-man Bournemouth secured a memorable 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.

Ugly scenes and poor officiating overshadowed a thrilling lunchtime encounter as Marcos Rojo's first ever Premier League goal was cancelled out by Josh King's penalty as the first half ended chaotically.

Ex-Saint Andrew Surman received the first red card of his career - awarded once blundering referee Kevin Friend realised he had booked the Bournemouth captain twice - having reacted angrily to Ibrahimovic's elbow on Mings, who moments earlier stamped - inadvertently or otherwise - on the United striker.

The official's report will make for interesting reading as neither player was shown a card for incidents that could well lead to retrospective action from the FA.

Referee Friend's display is also set to dominate column inches in the aftermath of a match Ibrahimovic looked set to win for United after Adam Smith was adjudged to have handled a Paul Pogba cross.

However, EFL Cup hero Ibrahimovic's spot-kick was saved by the impressive Artur Boruc as Bournemouth ended a four-match Premier League losing streak as United stuttered to a 10th Premier League draw of the season.

Cherries boss Eddie Howe's spirits will have been lifted by his players' display after spending the night up with a sickness bug.

A late arrival at Old Trafford, he may have feared the worst as Untied flew out the blocks and returning captain Wayne Rooney missed after 73 seconds.

An outstanding touch from eccentric goalkeeper Boruc prevented Pogba turning home a long ball from Luke Shaw, making his first league appearance in four months, before Anthony Martial was denied a trademark goal.

There was a verve about United's attack, but so too a wastefulness

Rooney and Ibrahimovic transpired to spurn an opportunity from which the Cherries broke, with a slip preventing Benik Afobe - the scourge of United in his MK Dons days - rounding David de Gea.

It was one of few scares for a United side that continued to press, with Ibrahimovic and Martial continuing to threaten before the opener came through an unlikely source as Rojo reacted quickly to turn in Antonio Valen-



LEVELLER: AFC Bournemouth's Joshua King (left) watches on as his penalty hits the back of the net

cia's driven cross-cum-shot.

The 23rd-minute goal took the sting of United's attack as Bournemouth kept their shape if not their heads at times, with the visiting support making their frustration at the booking of Harry Arter and Surman clear.

However, the award of a penalty raised spirits as Phil Jones clumsily brought down Marc Pugh, with King firing home with aplomb.

The feel-good factor did not last long, though.

Ibrahimovic and Rooney forced fine saves from Boruc, before tempers frayed as Ibrahimovic caught Mings with an elbow shortly after the Bournemouth defender stamped on the Swede.

Neither were booked but Surman was for shoving Ibrahimovic - although it took a while for referee Friend to realise it was second yellow card.

The anger was palpable as halftime came and went, with United in the ascendancy when play resumed.

back red tide



Rooney saw a strike deflected and Pogba was impressively denied by Borue, but Bournemouth weathered the storm as Mourinho made a triple substitution in the 70th minute.

A minute later United had the chance to strike a decisive blow as Smith was adjudged to have handled a Pogba cutback. Ibrahimovic stepped up for the spot kick, only to be denied by a fine Boruc save low to the keeper's right.

Referee Friend was under scrutiny again moments later as substitute Marcus Rashford came close, despite Arter being on the deck after sustaining a head in-

The Bournemouth midfielder

then avoided a second booking as Mings went off after an awkward fall, much to the home fans' amusement.

The closing stages resembled two boxers wildly swinging punches at one another, with United landing more blows. However, Bournemouth held firm to secure an important 1-1 draw.

Mings: Stamp was not deliberate

BOURNEMOUTH defender Tyrone Mings said he did not mean to stand on Zlatan Ibrahimovic's head moments before he was elbowed by the Manchester United striker.

Ibrahimovic appeared fortunate to escape a red card for the first-half incident during Bournemouth's 1-1 Premier League draw at Old Trafford.

Bournemouth midfielder Andrew Surman was then dismissed for a second yellow card for pushing lbrahimovic to the ground in the aftermath.

When asked whether he deliberately stamped on Ibrahimovic's head, Mings said: "Not at all. I would never do that. That's not in my game. Hard and fair is how I like to tackle but off the ball stuff like that isn't in my game.

"He (Ibrahimovic) is who he is, he's a good player, he's a physical player. I knew what sort of battle I was going to be in for coming here. And that's what we had all day, it was a battle.

"There was maybe an elbow when the ball came in after, I didn't see it, I felt it. But what happened after that with Surman getting sent off, I didn't see it."

Former Sweden international lbrahimovic capped an eventful afternoon when he saw his 72nd-minute penalty saved by Artur Boruc after Adam Smith was penalised for handball. Marcus Rojo had earlier put United ahead but Josh King equalised from the penalty spot after Marc Pugh was brought down by Phil Jones.

United boss Jose Mourinho said only Mings knows whether the incident was intentional and added that, to him, any retrospective ban for the defender would be inconsequential.

The draw meant Mourinho's men missed the opportunity to climb into the top four ahead of the rest of the weekend's fixtures.

"I'm a football man, I'm in football for many, many years, I don't like to speak after matches what happened during matches," Mourinho said.

"What happened during matches, happened during matches and the referee was there. If you ask me that I am happy if Tyrone Mings gets three or four or five matches ban, I really don't care about it. He knows better than anyone what he did.

"I don't want to speak about it, it's not important for me. Important for me is the result of the game.

"The referee made his decisions, I always defend that the referee is the one that has the decisions. Two important decisions Kevin (Friend) had it right, the two penalties are two penalties, so for me the referee was good and if we didn't win it was because Boruc made an amazing performance."

Gamble back at Totton

from facing page

"Adam's one of my best mates. He was an usher at my wedding."

Gamble, who lives in Bitterne and works as an education manager for Saints Foundation, has noticed a big change at the Testwood Stadium since his last spell there

He said: "I trained with them once (prior to the Didcot game) and it was my first time back since last year.

"As soon as I walked in the door the atmosphere felt ten times better." With finances still tight at

With finances still tight at Totton, Langdown and Wilde haven't had the easiest of rides since taking charge.

But Southern One South & West survival is all but secure and the wheels are in motion to transform the Stags from a members' club to a limited company in order to attract new investment.

When that happens,



Adam Wilde

Gamble believes they have just the right management team already in place to take the club forward.

"I've come back to help Louis and Adam and Totton would be perfect with these guys in charge," he said.

"You know you're under good guidance from people who have been there and done it."

• EASTLEIGH'S long winless run in the National League continued with a 3-1 loss at York City.

Veteran striker Jon Parkin struck on seven and 13 minutes to put the hosts 2-0 up before Ross Stearn halved the arrears on 16 minutes.

Vadaine Oliver made sure of the points by netting York's third on 80 minutes.

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NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Shaw in from cold

LUKE Shaw was surprisingly recalled to Manchester United's starting line-up for the 1-1 draw with Bournemouth, having spent four months largely in the wilderness.

It was not only Shaw's first topflight appearance since a stalemate with Burnley in October, it was also the first time since that game that the 21-year-old had even been included in a Premier League match-day squad by Jose Mourinho.

Here, the Sports Pink assesses how the England international fared on his return to the team:

MENTALITY

There have been fears that Shaw has been carrying the mental scars of the broken leg he suffered at the start of last season, yet a series of robust challenges here dispelled that theory. The most crunching of them was delivered on Adam Smith in the build-up to United's opener, which left Shaw limping and the Bournemouth player requiring treatment. Moments later, Shaw was clattered into by Andrew Surman, earning the Bournemouth midfielder the first of his two yellow cards. GOING FORWARD



Before the Cherries were reduced to 10 men Shaw was happy to provide support to left winger Anthony Martial without often going beyond him on the overlap. Given the Frenchman was giving Smith a torrid time, there was little need for Shaw to be another attacking threat. Perhaps the former Southampton trainee could have done more in that sense once the visitors had seen Surman dismissed, yet he did make a couple of impressive passes down the left flank. FITNESS

Shaw had completed 90 minutes only once in the previous three months and had made just four appearances in all competitions since October. Mourinho stated on Friday that he had been impressed by the full-back's improved conditioning, though, and he did not seem to tire greatly during the 70 minutes he was on the field. With United still in the FA Cup and Europa League and fighting for a top-four berth, Shaw may have been withdrawn before the end to stay fresh for the future fixtures to come. OVERAIL

Shaw had been out of United's first-team picture for so long he may have questioned if he had any future at Old Trafford under Mourinho. However, as he proved with Henrikh Mkhitaryan and even Bastian Schweinsteliger earlier in the campaign, the Portuguese can provide a route back and Shaw did enough here to warrant further consideration as United chase a treble alongside Champions League qualification in the Premier League.

Shaw can shine at United - see

WINCHESTER CITY 1 TAUNTON TN 1

City put brakes on Taunton run

Wendy **Gee**



WINCHESTER City put the brakes on Taunton Town's sevenmatch winning streak with a 1-1 Southern One South & West draw at the Denplan City Ground this afternoon.

There was little doing on a sodden City Ground surface until the tenth minute when Winchester defender Olly Searle headed behind under pressure and, from the corner, Taunton's Owen Irish headed behind at the back stick.

Winchester's best early outlet had come down the right with Joe Briggs flicking on for Craig Feeney, who was beaten to the ball by on-rushing keeper Lloyd Irish, and then Searle thrashing a cross into the side netting.

With bodies committed to attack, City were almost undone on 15 minutes but, from a tight angle, Craig Veal rippled the side of Lewis Noice's net with an strike from the right.

Given Taunton's cracking run of form, City contained them well – new defender Lewis Hyde making a crucial intervention as Veal shaped to shoot on 22 minutes.

Winchester then scrambled the ball off the line from a corner as the Peacocks began to turn the screw and Taunton were adamant they should have had another corner when the two No 3s - City's Jamie Ford and the visitors' Ben Palmer – slid in together for a loose ball inside the box and it looped over the Winchester bar.

As the home side pressed again, they created the best chance to date on 33 minutes when skipper Stuart Green picked out Howard Neighbour with a crossfield pass, and the big striker balanced himself before sending a beautiful curling shot just past the post and into the side netting.

Four minutes later the Citizens stunned their lofty visitors as top scorer Feeney ended his mini goal drought.

With play condensed on the right of Taunton's area, Briggs sprayed the ball out to FEENEY on the left of the box and he lofted a clean, first-time strike past Lloyd Irish into the far top corner for 1-0.

Winchester made the first inroad of the second-half – Green



Winchester's Craig Feeney tries his luck against Taunton. Pictures: Chris Moorhouse



Craig Feeney, left, celebrates his first-half goal with Lewis Hyde and his Winchester City teammates

teeing-up Neighbour who dragged a decent opening wide.

Taunton, though, had clearly had a half-time talking to and, but for some desperate latch-ditch defending and an excellent save from Winchester keeper Noice, they would have levelled amid a 50th minute scramble scramble for a corner.

Noice then came haring out to the edge of his box to close down Veal after Wright had played him through. The referee blew his whistle and there was a coming together and the decision was awarded in favour of Noice.

Winchester were suddenly up against it and will have been disappointed with the soft nature of the Peacocks' 55th minute equaliser.

There appeared to be no particular danger when VEAL delivered the ball in from the left, but it deceived everyone, including Noice, and made its way into the far bottom corner.

The Citizens survived a longrange effort by White and a vociferous hand-ball appeal from the visitors as the one-way traffic continued before Wright glanced a header wide.

The simmering feud between Neighbour and Taunton defender Alex Hoyle, came to the boil on 70 minutes and, having let them both off with a lecture, referee Matt Russell then booked the pair of them as they squared-up again.

That little altercation interrupted Taunton's flow, allowing City to get a foothold in the game.

The Citizens so very nearly won it with ten minutes remaining when Jamie Barron's half saved shot fell to Feeney inside the six-yard box. But confronted by keeper Irish the normally deadly City No 9 contrived to fire it over the bar

NON LEAGUE FOOTB



Ryan Bird, left

Ex-Spitfires striker Bird on song

FORMER Eastleigh targetman Ryan Bird netted for the third time in three games for his club Newport County last Saturday, but it was all in vain.

Just like at Cambridge United the previous week, the Exiles led through a Bird goal before having a man sent off and losing as a result of a controversial penalty, this time going down 2-1 at Mans-

Jaanai Gordon picked up two yellow cards in just two secondhalf minutes and Craig Reid was penalised for handball in the box 15 minutes from the end to leave the Exiles still six points from safety at the bottom of SkyBet League Two.

It made today's home clash with 23rd-place Leyton Orient a mustwin encounter for Graham West-

Ex-Portsmouth striker Bird struck just five minutes in from Dan Butler's cross and could have had another couple in the first half, but twice had efforts deflected behind.

He almost rescued a point for the ten men at the death, but lifted his shot onto the top of the net as County were beaten yet again.

• WIMBORNE Town's Sam Davidson was given a clean bill of health after being involved in a car accident last weekend.

The 20-year-old defender was unable to join the Magpies' squad for Saturday's trip to Bideford having been shaken up in the incident which took place as he made his way to Cuthbury to meet the team coach.

Relieved manager Matty Holmes reported: "He's fine. Fortunately, he didn't sustain any injuries.

"He had a prang in his new car. He called me straight away and said he had to wait for the police and a tow truck to arrive.

"We were hoping to get someone to pick him up, but with all the palaver and routine you have to go through, he would never have been able to get there in time, which was a

Davidson's absence was compounded by Billy Maybury being ruled out



Matty Holmes

through suspension and Paddy Hester unavailable.

It left Wimborne without three of their first-choice back four to face in-form Bideford, forcing Holmes to name defensive coach Shane Traynor among his

The Devon hosts made the most of the Magpies' misfortune with Billy Tucker and Sam Downing striking in the opening 20 minutes to rack up a fourth successive league win for the first time since September 2013.

Reflecting on his side's 2-0 Southern One South & West defeat, Holmes said: "When you go away to the likes of Bideford, Barnstaple and Didcot you have to have a strong mentality, which we felt was missing in the first

"We were a lot better in the second half and caused them a few problems. Hopefully, it is a lesson they will learn from.

Roberts dreams of his big chance

AMBITIOUS Taurean Roberts is back at Salisbury to help with their promotion push - but admits he still dreams of starring in the top flight one day.

The exciting winger returned to his old Ray Mac stomping ground for a second spell last month, writes Joel Holt.

After leaving in the summer, the 26-year-old went on trial at League Two outfit Wycombe Wanderers and played against Brentford.

He was unable to pen a deal so moved back to his local club Tooting & Mitcham United, who are top of the Isthmian League Division One South, where he spent the best part of six months.

Things were going smoothly until Roberts fell out with boss Frank Wilson.

"The manager said he couldn't work with me and stuff, so I said okay and left," Roberts explained.

"T've been to Tooting three times, it's a good club. "I initially left as I wanted to go pro. I went to Wycombe Wanderers and that didn't really work out and then I didn't really have any thing, so I just went to a local club in my area.

Michail Antonio - who had a loan spell with Saints from Reading - is someone Roberts looks at for inspiration. The winger started his promising career at Tooting and has gone on to play in the Premier League for West Ham

Talking of the Hammers' star, Roberts said: "I look at him and think that could be me. He's my age because I'm 26, so yeah.

"I'm still trying to make it into the Football League.

In the meantime, Roberts is focusing on helping Whites gain back-to-back promotions having been involved in the Sydenhams Wessex Premier title win last sea-

"It's good to be back," he added.



Taurean Roberts

"We want to maintain the position in the (Southern One South & West) play-offs, as we are hoping to go up again. I'm just happy to help out.'

Eddie Perrett grabbed his first league goal as Salisbury maintained their play-off march with a 3-1 home win over Paulton Rovers last Saturday.

The striker-turned-wing-back netted after Tom Whelan had given Whites the lead. Leading scorer Tommy Wright added a third on the hour mark.

"It wasn't very good, but it was a win," shrugged manager Steve

Claridge, admitting there was "hardly anything to take out of

"Tom Whelan was excellent and Elliot Wheeler was too, second half, but apart from that there wasn't a player out there who did themselves justice.

l HAVING won 16 out of 17 games in all competitions, Salisbury were brought down with a bump on Tuesday, beaten 4-0 at Hayes & Yeading in the semi-final of the Southern League Chal-

It was the first match this season

in which the Whites had failed to score and ended a nine-game winning run in all competitions.

Hayes & Yeading, second to bottom of the Evo-Stik Premier Division, didn't looked back after Anthony Edgar had beaten the offside trap to give the hosts an 18th-minute lead.

Soloman Sambou and ex-Eastleigh winger Graeme Montgomerv added to the Whites' woes before Mahlondo Martin - a Salisbury player earlier this season delivered a cross that was steered into his own net by Whites' sub Adam Flint.

NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Fleet dedicate derby to late chairman Steve



Steve Cantle

FLEET Town dedicated their Southern One Central derby clash with high-flying Farnborough on Tuesday to their much-missed late chairman Steve Cantle.

Originally postponed on Boxing Day as a mark of respect following Cantle's sudden death two days before Christmas, the Blues had hoped to play the fixture on January 24, but bad weather in-

Fleet say their greatly loved late chairman had been "really look-ing forward" to the local derby with their promotion-chasing rivals at Calthorpe Park

Also a local councillor, Cantle was awarded a Hart Voluntary Action award for his work organising and promoting sports for boys and girls in the town since

Fleet vice-chairman Richard Whittington said ahead of Tuesday's game: "This is our big match in more ways than one.

"As a local derby it was always going to be the fixture of the season - now with Steve Cantle's passing it will make it doubly so."

Unfortunately for Fleet, they

couldn't deliver a victory.

Two goals by their former player Pat Cox put second-placed Farnborough in the driving seat before Zac Hawker hit back for

Farnborough have brought former favourite Scott Donnelly back to the club on loan from National League South outfit Margate for the rest of the season.

The 29-year-old former Havant & Waterlooville midfielder previously played for Borough between 2013 and 2014.

Youngest and oldest

LYMINGTON Town's 2-0 home victory over Verwood last Saturday was manufactured at opposite ends of the age scale.

Their opening goal was scored by age-defying centre-back Carlo Tate who, at the grand 'old' age of 46, is a staggering 29 years the senior of Eastleigh young gun Owen Fee, who doubled Town's advantage.

Lymington boss Dave Lewis affectionately calls Tate "The Freak" for still being a Wessex Premier force four years short of his 50th birthday.

He laughed: "Carlo's performance levels defy his years – and then we've got young Owen Fee who's only 17

'The Freak capped a fantastic personal display by volleying in on 46 minutes from a corner



Dave Lewis

would you believe!

"Our second came from young Owen's 40-yard freekick, so we scored through the youngest and oldest players.

"We were not at our best overall in a difficult wind, but it was another clean sheet and a good three points.

After stringing together five straight Sydenhams Premier wins, Lymington finally tasted defeat on Tuesday, beaten 2-0 at home by sixth-placed Horndean.

Jack Maloney and Sam Smart inflicted the damage - a fine effort by the Deans who had encountered traffic problems en route to The Sports Ground.

Some players did not arrive until ten minutes before kick-off, forcing manager Michael Birmingham to make three changes. "The players did not let it affect them, they got on with the job," smiled Birmingham.

Marv-ellous run on a grand stage

MARVIN Brooks carved out a slice of history last Saturday as he became the first Poole Town player in six years to score in five successive games.

It was a feat previously achieved by Steve Smith in 2010/11 when the Dolphins won promotion to the Southern League by lifting the Wessex Premier title, writes Wendy Gee.

attainment, Brooks's though, is arguably great-

For one thing, he is not technically a front man, having risen from the reserve ranks as a midfielder who occasionally plugged gaps in central defence.

For another, he has done it on the grander stage of Vanarama National League South where, with all due respect to the Wessex League, defences are notoriously harder to break down.

Speaking after Brooks' 80th-minute goal had clinched a 2-1 win at East Thurrock United last week, Poole boss Tom Killick, who has been deploying him as a makeshift striker, said: "When you look at Marvin, it's not just his goals, it's his all-round

play. "Steve Smith was a great goalscorer, but Marvin does an awful lot of work

for us.
"He holds up the ball, makes runs and draws a few fouls. As well as his goals, he is just very effective for us in the way we

play."

Brooks settled the issue at East Thurrock after Steve Devlin's first-half penalty had been cancelled out by James Walker's goal 13 minutes from time.

"It wasn't the best game in terms of it being a spectacle," said Killick. "I don't think it was ever going to be due to the conditions. The pitch was not particularly flat and the wind was a big factor.

"I was concerned at halftime because we had had the wind with us in the first half," he confessed.

"Although we dominated the game, we only scored one goal. I thought we were going to have a lot more defending to do in the second

On top

"But even against the wind, we were on top.

"They rarely got out of their own half in the first half and that was pretty much true for the second as well. When you look at that, I think we deserved to win the game.

Brooks was at the heart of the action throughout and it was him who was wrestled to the ground for spot-kick maestro Devlin to successfully convert his third penalty in two match-

For his winning goal, he was given time and space to steer the ball home from a free-kick delivered by ex-Eastleigh midfielder James



Marvin Brooks

NON LEAGUE FOOTBAL

No Angel delight for title-chasing Havant ...

HAVANT & Waterlooville missed their chance to go top of the Ryman Premier Division on Tuesday, held to a 1-1 draw at Tonbridge An-

The Westleigh Park visitors fell behind to an early Alex Akrofi goal, but hit back with an 82nd-minute Jason Prior leveller from Ben Swallow's free kick.

Manager Lee Bradbury was pleased with

the point, but not so happy to lose Dan Strugnell and Alfie Rutherford to injury.

The result left the second-placed Hawks a point behind neighbours Bognor Regis Town with a game in hand.

 BEMERTON Heath Harlequins are still waiting to learn the identity of the Russell Cotes Cup final opponents.

Harlequins booked their final berth with

a shock 3-1 win away at Sydenhams Premier leaders Moneyfields.

The other semi-final between Graham Rix's AFC Portchester and Alex Pike's Gosport Borough had been due to be played on Tuesday, but the tie was called off due to a waterlogged pitch at the Blanchard Wells Stadium. It has been rearranged for this coming Tuesday (March 7).

Watersiders lose yet more to injury

By Wendy



CALLUM Cunniffe-Pilley is in danger of sitting out the remainder of the Sydenhams Premier Division season.

Blackfield & Langley's former Gosport Borough full-back/mid-fielder is struggling with knee ligament problems.

"He'd been carrying it for a couple of weeks and playing against Team Solent recently caused a lot of inflammation," reported B&L's assistant boss Chris Farrell.

"He's out for the foreseeable future and we're not sure he'll play again this season.

Injuries have not been kind to the Watersiders this term.

Losing top scorer Jamie White to groin problems cost them dear around November time and they have been soldiering on for weeks on end without influential defender Joey Byrne.

"Joey broke his ankle in training. What's the odds of that happening?" said Farrell. "He's been out for 13 weeks now and he's still struggling. The squad's been pretty threadbare and we've been looking to get players in.

"We're trying improve squad while winning games at the same time.

Cunniffe-Pilley's absence left the Watersiders down to the bare bones against Alresford Town last Saturday - but still they managed to scrape a 1-0 Gang Warily win to stay second in the table.

Kane Daysh returned to fill the gap at right-back, but they had only two players on the bench.

The winner arrived on 34 minutes when former Salisbury centre-back Steve Walker stayed up from a set-piece to head home his first goal for the club.

It owed much to some brilliant build-up play from ex-Weymouth midfielder Luke Winsper who



Blackfield's Joey Byrne (green and white)

burst to the byline, beating three defenders en route, and stood up an inviting cross to the back stick.

2-0 on Tuesday, Blackfield won by an identical scoreline at bottom club Verwood Town on Wednes-Having seen league leaders Moneyfields beat Cowes Sports

Winsper broke the deadlock on

49 minutes following a surging run by Liam Robinson and White struck with a stoppage-time penalty to boost his season's tally to

Brock welcome **Matt**

BROCKENHURST have snapped up defender Matt Burt from Sydenhams One frontrunners Hamble Club.

The former Follands, Team Solent, Salisbury and Horndean centreback will be jumping back up a level to play for the Badgers, who are currently stationed mid-table in the Premier Division.

Quick return

Another defender, Will Weston, has left Bashley to sign for Sydenhams Premier rivals Lymington

Weston could make a quick return to his former club, with Lymington due to travel to their New Forest neighbours for a league fixture on March 25.

Whites need cash

A FUNDRAISING campaign has been launched by Salisbury FC's newly-founded women's

The crowdfunding initiative is looking for people to pledge their support so affiliation fees, equipment and kit costs can be covered for 2017/18.

Manager Dan Jones has urged the city to get behind the new team, stating: "We are starting our first league campaign next season, but need to get some money in now to cover our entry costs and to get the ladies some kit to play in. Any donation will be greatly received no matter the amount."

 To make a donation, visit justgiving. com/crowdfunding/ SalisburyWomen?utm_ id=60&utm term=GD6xyJbGr



Matt Burt

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NON LEAGUE FIXTURES

Monday, March 6 VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chelmsford v Maidenhead. EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Tuesday, March 7 VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE Barrow v Tranmere, Braintree v Lincoln Macclesfield v York. VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

SOUTH
Weston-super-Mare v Wealdstone.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Chesham v Frome,
Cinderford v Cambridge City, Dorchester
Hayes & Yeading, Leamington v Kettering,
Division One South & West: Bishops
Cleeve v Paulton, Didcot v Taunton,
North Leigh v Mangotsfield, Shortwood v
Wimborne.

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Thursday, March 9 SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP Semi-final: Sholing v Brockenhurst (at Folland Sports FC)

Saturday, March 11
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Bromley v North Ferriby, Dagenham
& Redbridge v Forest Green, Eastleigh v
Barrow, Guiseley v Aldershot, Lincoln v
Chester, Macclesfield v Maidstone, Solihull
v Braintree, Southport v Torquay, Sutlon
Vord, Tranmere v Dover, Woking v Boreham
Wood, Wrexham v Gateshead.
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v Whitehawk, St Albans v Ebbafleet, Truro v Wealdstone, Welling v Poole Town, Weston-super-Mare v Maidenhead. EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division: Banbury v Cirencester Basingstoke Town v Learnington, Cambridge City v Frome, Cinderford v Kings Lynn, Dorchester v Kings Langley, Dunstable v Biggleswade, Hitchin v Weymouth, St Neots v Redditch, Stratford v Chesham

Weymouth, St Neots v Hedditch, Stratford v Chesham.
Division One South & West: Bideford v Hereford, Bridgwater v AFC Totton, Didoct v Slimbridge, Evesham v Barnstaple, Mangotsfield v Wantage, North Leigh v Wimborne, Paulton v Yate, Salisbury v Larkhall, Shortwood v Tiverton, Taunton v Bishops Cleeve, Winchester City v windon Supermarine.
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Portland, Andover Town v Cowes Sports,
Blackfield & Langley v Bournemouth
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Amesbury, Newport loW v Bemerton HH,
Team Solent v Moneyfields, Verwood v
Hamworthy, Whitchurch v Sholing,
Division One: Andover New Street v
Christchurch, Baffins MR v AFC Stonehar
Downton v East Cowes Vice, Folland
Sports v Ringwood, Hythe & Dibden
V Fleet Spurs, New Milton v Tadley
Calleva, Shaftesbury v Totton & Eling, US
Portsmouth v Pewsey Vale, Weymouth Re
v Laverstock Ford.
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Division One: AFC Petersfield v South
Wonston Swifts, Netley Central v Headley,
Sway v Lyndhurst, Upham v Michelmersh
8 Timsbury.
Combination: Fleetlands v Liphook, Four
Marks v Headley, Hedge End Rangers
Usush Hill, Michelmersh & Timsbury v
OK Southampton, Winchester Castle v
Overton.

692 Fareham appearances between them!



Luke Douglas and Lee Webber.

Goalkeeping duo Luke Douglas and Lee Webber were able to reminisce after playing on opposing sides in Fareham Town's 3-1 Sydenhams Wessex League win at Team Solent.

The pair boast a staggering 692 Fareham Town appearances between them.

Webber played in Fareham's first SWL game (since exiting the Southern League) in August 1998 and went on to play 420 times in two spells at Cams Alders, while Douglas, with 272 appearances since May 2005 is catching him

up.

Douglas may be trailing in terms of appearances, but he does have one thing over Webber - scoring a goal in Fareham colours. It came against GE Hamble in April 2012 - a wind assisted clearance!

• PETE Stiles tasted his first defeat in midweek when Bemerton ended his seven-match unbeaten run as Fareham manager.

Fareham appeared to be heading towards a sixth win in eight since Stiles joined the Creeksid-

ers from neighbours AFC Portchester.

But Simon Woods' first-half goal was cancelled out as Bemerton scored twice after the break to secure a 2-1 win.

"All good things have to end sometime," Stiles smiled.

"We just ran out of legs and looked very tired in the second

"We just didn't have enough left in the tank to claw it back.

It was Fareham's first defeat since January 7 (when Horndean

'Stoke set to quit Camrose ground

By Wendy



WINCHESTER City's Hampshire FA Senior Cup semi-final Tuesday (March 7, 7.45pm) could well be their last ever trip to Basingstoke Town's Camrose Ground.

Southern Premier outfit Basingstoke are set to leave their home of over 70 years, although no exact date has been fixed yet.

With club chairman Rafi Razzak due to quit in May, the Interim Management Group (IMG) for Basingstoke Town FC are planning for the future.

In January the IMG announced they would start a move towards community ownership, but they must first ascertain where Basingstoke will be playing.

Staying at the Camrose, in its current form, is not an option.

The north Hampshire ground has seen little investment in recent years due to Razzak's plans to relocate to a brand new stadium, which failed last year.

Rejected

The Camrose is now out of date and cannot conform to modern standards without substantial new investment.

One option reviewed by the IMG was a scheme to redevelop part of the ground and simply move the pitch, thus keeping the club at the Camrose.

But this option has been rejected as it failed to generate enough money to help relocate the pitch and stands, upgrade facilities to modern requirements and clear



Basingstoke's Camrose Ground

the club's debts.

As a result, the IMG have confirmed that Basingstoke Town will uproot from the Camrose, where they have been playing since 1945.

Potential

That leaves just two potential outcomes - a move to a greenfield site with the development of a

brand new stadium or a move to an existing ground which has the potential to be upgraded to meet the club's needs.

The key to which route Town take is dependent on how much money can be generated from the redevelopment of the Camrose site for other purposes.

Club CEO David Knight said: "I would please ask the fans to be patient. There are a lot of meetings going on and people are working hard on this. Once we have some firm details on where we will be playing, we will let everyone know.

Basingstoke hope to reach a final decision on the preferred long-term solution during March.

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PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Friday night fever gets thumbs up

By Wendy Gee



FRIDAY night football has got a huge thumbs up at Romsey Town. Not only did the Bypass boys

Not only did the Bypass boys pull off one of the results of the Sydenhams One season, beating runaway leaders Hamble Club 1-0, but a healthy 134-strong crowd – many of whom had ventured out to Romsey for the first time - made for a memorable evening.

Club secretary Clare Crossland smiled afterwards: "It's been a terrific evening all round, if somewhat busy!

"We had great support from the local community, but we also had a number of ground-hoppers, some of whom had travelled long distances, many for their first visit to our club.

"We're trying very hard to reach out to, not only the local Romsey community, but also the wider footballing community.

"Non-League football is a family with clubs and fans supporting one another and tonight we've seen that.

"We're very proud to be part of that family".

Also making their first appearance were some of the Romsey Town Youth U10 Panthers team who were matchday mascots.

"It was a pleasure to have them involved" said Crossland. "We have a very close link to the youth set-up with many former youth lads progressing into our first team

"Seeing not only the Panthers here tonight, but also a number of the youth club's players, coaches and managers, was great.

Real positive

She added: "The real positive from the night was both the performance and result for the team.

"We all know in football that, as a club, you are judged on results.

"Sometimes those results on a pitch do not reflect the sheer amount of work going on off the pitch, but tonight it all came together and hopefully everyone attending had a really good evening"

Romsey's magic moment arrived with ten minutes of the first half remaining. Wayne Boud's crossfield pass found Tom Donaldson unmarked in the area and he rifled the ball past Hamble keeper Rory Anderson.

Donaldson might have had another too, but he headed over and



Tom Donaldson, right, scores Romsey's shock winner against leaders Hamble.



the match ended in controversy when Hamble's Dougie Rowe whipped in a 20-yard free-kick that evaded everyone, but the linesman put his flag up just as the ball found the far corner of the net.

Following a lengthy discussion with his assistant, the referee ruled it out for offside.

Romsey manager Andy Samuels was full of praise for his side.

"I thought they were absolutely superb," he said.

Huge performances

"Hamble are a very good side and are top of the league for a reason, but tonight we showed what we can do when we're on our game.

"Individually the lads put in some huge performances and collectively we worked tirelessly throughout, kept our shape and discipline and were very organised.

"The lads have worked very hard during the past few weeks to get things right and tonight was their reward.

"I'm very pleased for the lads, the club and for the large crowd, as they saw us put in a very good performance against a top side"

Just bizarre

Mo Diame scored probably the strangest goal of the season in Newcastle's 2-1 win at Championship promotion rivals Brighton.

Christian Atsu's mis-hit shot from the edge of the 18-yard box flicked off Daryl Murphy before striking the outside of Diame's boot and looped crazily past goalkeeper David Stockdale to find the top corner of the Brighton net.

Here are some other goals which defied belief.

DARREN BENT (Sunderland v Liverpool, October 2009)

This was the first time in history that a beach ball claimed an assist. Bent's shot was allowed to stand after deflecting past goalkeeper Pepe Reina off a beach ball thrown onto the pitch by a Liverpool fan. Despite protests from the Liverpool camp, referee Mike Jones judged the goal legal - despite the laws of the game suggesting he should have awarded a dropped ball.

STAN COLLYMORE (Liverpool v Blackburn, February 1996)

Had Tim Flowers been wearing a



Darren Bent.

cap at Ewood Park he would have been preparing to throw it to Collymore's 25-yard daisy cutter. Collymore had already turned away in disgust before the ball hit an indent on the six-yard line and flew over Flowers' head. Flowers had made the mark to help him with positioning.

DION DUBLIN (Coventry v Newcastle, November 1997)

Newcastle goalkeeper Shay Given thought the danger was over when he collected a cross at the far post at Highfield Road. But Given was not aware that Dublin had gone off the pitch behind him. When he rolled the ball out, Dublin came back on the pitch and swept the ball home.

JOHN EUSTACE (Reading v Watford, September 2008)

The so-called 'ghost goal' was actually credited as an own goal to Watford midfielder Eustace - surely the craziest of all time. When a Reading corner was deflected wide, Royals forward Noel Hunt attempted unsuccessfully to flick it back into play. But referee Stuart Attwell pointed to the centre spot after assistant Nigel Bannister had flagged that it had actually crossed the goal-line.

Solent at St Mary's again

HOLDERS Team Solent are through to the Southampton Senior Cup final, but needed extra-time to avoid a huge upset against Hamble Club Reserves at Sholing's Universal Stadium.

A sublime Jemal Wiseman strike for the Students was cancelled out by an equally superb Gerson Ramos effort in the first half, but Silveno Obeng's extra-time decider made Solent's pressure tell, writes JACK PRENTICE.

In a slow start to the first half, Tyrell Mitford was the first to serve notice of intent when he prodded a wonderful Jesse Waller-Lassen cross just wide.

Obeng had his first effort saved shortly after, while Waller-Lassen had a free-kick whistle just wide of the post.

On 15 minutes Solent took the lead in quite brilliant fashion

Impressive passing saw the ball fizzed into Obeng in the box. His deft lay-off found Wiseman who confidently volleyed into the top right-hand corner.



Silvano Obeng

The expected flurry of Solent goals didn't materialise, however, and soon Hamble's second string were back on level terms.

Dauda Tagba picked the ball up on the right and drove past two Solent defenders, before unleashing an unstoppable effort helped into the left corner by fellow striker Gerson Ramos.

Hamble were fortunate to still have 11 players on the pitch when Sam Kimaku, already on a yellow following a succession of fouls, bundled into Wiseman. He was replaced at half-time by Parris Virgin.

Waller-Lassen was allowed time and space to pick out the top right corner from distance, but a splendid save from a busier Matthew Sturgess kept it level.

With 20 minutes left, Obeng flashed a shot wide from close range as gaps began to appear in a gallant Hamble defence.

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PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL Where's all the

By Simon Carter



They say patience runs thin when the pressure is really on in football management.

Just look at the Premier League. Just look at last season. Jose Mourinho won the Pre-

Jose Mourinho won the Premier League and League Cup in 2014/15, yet was sacked before he next celebrated Christmas.

Manuel Pellegrini took Manchester City to the semi finals of the Champions League, won the League Cup for the second time in three seasons, and finished fourth in the league.

Back in 1999, when City were in the third tier of English football, such riches would have been lapped up - by those in the stands and those who walk the corridors of power

Football has changed since those days, though. And so have City, where those 'riches' were still insufficient to see Pellegrini keen his job.

Elsewhere in Manchester, Louis Van Gaal won the FA Cup, yet on the same day was told he was being sacked and replaced by the guy who had been sacked at Chelsea five and a bit months earlier.

Now we are in the days of even bigger top flight television deals, bringing even more money into the bank accounts of the chosen few, patience is less of a virtue than ever.

Hence Bob Bradley, who arrived at Swansea on October 4, was sacked on December 27 after just 11 games and two wins

Hence Mike Phelan got just 21 league games to prove himself at Hull City before he was sacked on January 3.

Hence the biggest shock of them all - Claudio Ranieri, the man who delivered the unthinkable, sacked as boss of reigning top flight champions Leicester City.

Just nine months after overseeing the greatest story in modern day football, one of the most improbable title victories in world sporting history, Ranieri was history himself.

Yes, there is not much patience in the Premier League these days. Not just in the top flight, though. Not much patience at the Silverlake Stadium, home of Eastleigh

FC, either.

Before we welcomed in March, the Spitfires were on their fifth manager, including caretaker Ben Strevens, of a farcical campaign.

Here are the gory details.

• Chris Todd was sacked 11 days into the new season after being allowed to bring in 12 new players in the close season. Eastleigh had only played four games, picking up four points from the first two before losing to Tranmere and Dover.

● Ronnie Moore came in and lost only three of his 18 league games, winning a respectable eight. Still not enough to keep him at the club, though, and he resigned at the end of November after a 2-1 defeat at Maidstone.

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◆ Martin Allen, was appointed the club's third manager of the season on December 1, and was sacked February 22.

His 84-day reign had seen East-

leigh play 10 league games and win just one of them.

During his brief tenure at the Silverlake, you couldn't accuse Allen of not being busy.

He brought in 13 players - Hakeem Odofin, Tyler Garrett, Sam Togwell, Graham Stack, Ben Strevens, Gavin Hoyte, Mekhi Leacock-McLeod, Sam Muggleton, Darius Henderson, Ben Close, Sam Matthews, Chinea Cole, Craig McAllister - at an average of one every six and a half days.

So, quick recap time.

Owner Stewart Donald has motored down the 'give a novice a chance' route with Todd, but that didn't work out.

He then went down the 'vastly experienced' route with Moore, but despite a good start - and the club's greatest ever night at Swindon Town in the FA Cup - that didn't work out

didn't work out.

Next was the 'serial improver' route with Martin Allen, a man with a history of taking over struggling sides and making them a lot better.



PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL patience gone?



He lasted, lest we forget, 84 days. So that didn't work out either.

Running out of options, Donald has visited the 'bringing a successful former manager back'

There is a saying in football 'never go back' and there are many examples that bear that out.

Howard Kendall was never anywhere near as successful at Everton the second (or even third) time, Kenny Dalglish the same across Stanley Park at Anfield, or Kevin Keegan at Newcastle.

Now Richard Hill has a chance to see if he can sprinkle his managerial fairydust on Eastleigh again after answering Donald's call to become director of football.

Hill will oversee team affairs until the end of this season, and his appointment breathes fresh hope back into the club's fanbase.

Remember, this is the man who guided the Spitfires into the top tier of non league football by winning the 2013/14 Conference South title.

Just eleven years earlier, the club had been in the Wessex League

Not content with promotion to the Conference Premier, Eastleigh amazingly finished fourth in their debut season.

There were only 11 clubs in the pyramid between them and Portsmouth, a statistic which would have seemed impossible just a few years earlier.

On their way to fourth place, Eastleigh defeated several former Football League clubs. They did the double over both Lincoln and Aldershot and stunned Bristol Rovers - eventually promoted via the play-offs - 2-1 at the Memorial Stadium.

Their dream run went all the way to the play-offs, where they were beaten in both legs by Grimsby Town.

Still, it had been a phenomenal campaign, with Hill's side the second highest scorers (behind Martin Allen's Barnet, the champions).

Donald's vision, his dream, of seeing Eastleigh in the Football League was well and truly on.

Now the dream looks a long way off, certainly the longest it has appeared since the Spitfires took their place at the top table of English non league football.

This season has been a shambles. Four managers, an incredible number of signings, and virtually the same amount of players going out the exit door, is palpably not a recipe for any kind of success.

There's been a lack of a consistent message to the players, with all the different managers unsurprisingly possessing their own views on tactics and personnel.

That creates a lack of rhythm, a lack of team spirit (as new players are introduced into the dressing room dynamic on a seemingly weekly basis), with the obvious end result of poor results.

As they say, it's not rocket science.

Donald has held his hands up and accepted the blame, which in fairness he had to do given the laughing stock status Eastleigh were in danger of becoming.

Perhaps, in places, they have already become one, a modern day footballing circus unable to keep their managers for any decent length of time, and with the inevitable slipping down the table such uncertainty brings.

Hill should certainly steady a ship that needs steadying, and Tuesday's 1-1 home draw with Aldershot ended a losing run and offered glimpses of brighter days ahead compared to the dark ones of recent months.

Donald's dream remains the same it's always been - to see East-leigh in the Football League.

No-one can say it won't come true.

But if it is to be realised, he and the club cannot really afford to continue botching managerial appointments in the way the last few have been botched.

Whether Hill wants to take the job on again, whether Donald wants him to, or whether someone new is brought in, one thing has to happen.

The Big Top has to come down at the circus.

Obeng hits late winner

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Sturgess was again occupied soon after when Mitford's header from a deep right-wing cross was held well and extra-time began to look on the cards.

Obeng had a late goal ruled out for offside while Solent also hit the post late on as the game descended into attack versus defence, with Hamble threatening on the counter.

Solent were unable to force a winner in regulation time despite Obeng hitting the side netting in injury time.

The eventual winner came six minutes into extra-time when the Students broke at pace and Obeng was allowed time to calmly slot past Sturgess into the bottom right corner.

Hamble Reserves couldn't haul themselves back into the game despite forcing late corners, leaving Team Solent - winners of the competition for the last two seasons - to book a return ticket to St Marv's.



James Taylor.

They await the victors of the other semi-final between Sholing and Brockenhurst, to be played on Thursday (March 9, 7.45pm) at Folland Sports FC.

Solent boss James Taylor said: "It wasn't a great performance, but the main thing is we're through.

"It's pretty special to get to St Mary's three times in a row and, having won it twice, a hat-trick would be even more special.

more special.

"We're having a bit of a tough time with injuries and we've got a few walking wounded. We're not playing particularly well.

"We're still in two cups (the

"We're still in two cups (the Southampton Senior and Wessex) and we've got games every midweek from now until the end of the season."

Hamble Club were rightly proud of their second string, tweeting: "Everyone, bar the reserves themselves, wrote them off. They competed and matched Solent for long periods of time, immense credit to the lads!"

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NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Baker hurt on the ice

British jockey George Baker was in intensive care after a fall at St Moritz in Switzerland, with the meeting abandoned after a crack in the ice was found 150 metres from the winning post.

Racing has taken place there since the early 1900s and here are five things you might not know about the luxurious location and its unique racecourse.

WHERE IS ST MORITZ?

St Moritz is a luxury alpine resort located in Switzerland's Engadin valley. It has twice hosted the Winter Olympics and has the famed Cresta Run, the world's only bobsled run made of natural ice.

HOW CAN THEY HOST HORSE RACING THERE?

A frozen lake, some 1600m long and where the ice is of a thickness between 50cm and 80cm, is used



George Baker

for horse racing. The depth of the water on the lake is reputed to be 44m.

WHEN WAS THE FIRST RACE RUN?

Skijoring (riderless horses pulling jockeys on skis) began on the lake in 1907, while Flat racing first took place in 1911, and even steeplechasing in 1922.

DO MANY TRAINERS GO THERE FROM BRITAIN AND IRELAND?

Yes, trainers such as George Baker, Ralph Beckett and Jamie Osborne are regular visitors each winter, enjoying the unique surroundings, atmosphere and excellent prize-money.

IS THERE ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE IT ANYWHERE ELSE?

No, but Laytown races in Ireland is held on a beach once a year, in September. A temporary course is erected when the tide is out and proves very popular.

MARVIN

Marvin McLean. Picture by Ray Routledge.

Sorry, Marvin, we got it wrong

THE Pink apologises to Sholing's Wembley hero Marvin McLean for an incorrect headline in our February 25 edition.

McLean, who famously scored the winner in the Boatmen's 2014 FA Vase triumph, made his 550th appearance for the club in their recent 1-0 Sydenhams Premier win over Amesbury Town. The pacy wideman picked up a yellow card for dissent during the match but, contrary to our headline, he was NOT sent off on his milestone night.

As reported in our story, McLean's evening was in fact cut short by injury and it was Amesbury's Tom Wheeler who was given his marching orders for a

second bookable offence.

Along with the Mason brothers, home-grown talent McLean has been part and parcel of Sholing's success story over the years.

Three seasons ago his 71st-minute Wembley strike crowned the greatest day in the club's history as Sholing defeated West Auckland Town 1-0 under The Arch.

Why Hyde will win over the City fans

By Wendy



UNLIKE fellow defensive signing Leigh Mills, Lewis Hyde still has some work to do to earn his place in Winchester City fans' affections.

Having played for City on and off since their Sydenhams Wessex title-winning days of 2011/12, the popular Mills – an outstanding talent with Swindon Town and Tottenham Hotspur in his youth – needed no introduction when he returned to the club earlier this week.

Hyde, in contrast, is a new name on the Winchester scene, albeit that he is very well known to City boss Ian Saunders from their days together at Petersfield Town.

Indeed it was Hyde who scored the historic goal, a 58th-minute diving header, when Petersfield defeated Lymington Town 1-0 to beat City to the 2014/15 Wessex title-just 12 months after helping them up as champions of Division One.

A versatile defender, Hyde began his career with Wessex outfit Horndean and, after spells with Midhurst & Easebourne and Pagham, he moved back to the Sydenhams scene to join Saunders at Love Lane, going on to play for Petersfield in the Southern One Central following promotion

His player profile at Petersfield described him as: "Excellent in the air with an uncanny knack of scoring goals."

Saunders fondly recalled: "Lewis was with me for four years at Petersfield and got the goal that won us the Wessex championship.

"When I moved to Winchester, he went to Horsham (of the Ryman One South), so he's had Southern League and Ryman ex-



Leigh Mills in action for Winchester against AFC Totton back in December 2015.

perience. Lewis is a real favourite of mine. He's a whole-hearted player and he's definitely going to be a crowd favourite in the short time he's with us, until the end of the season, and we'll see where we go from there.

"As for Millsy, he's a Rolls Royce, and I look forward to working with him."

With Hyde and Mills playing side by side, Winchester kept a clean sheet at home to Bideford on Tuesday.

The trouble was, they failed

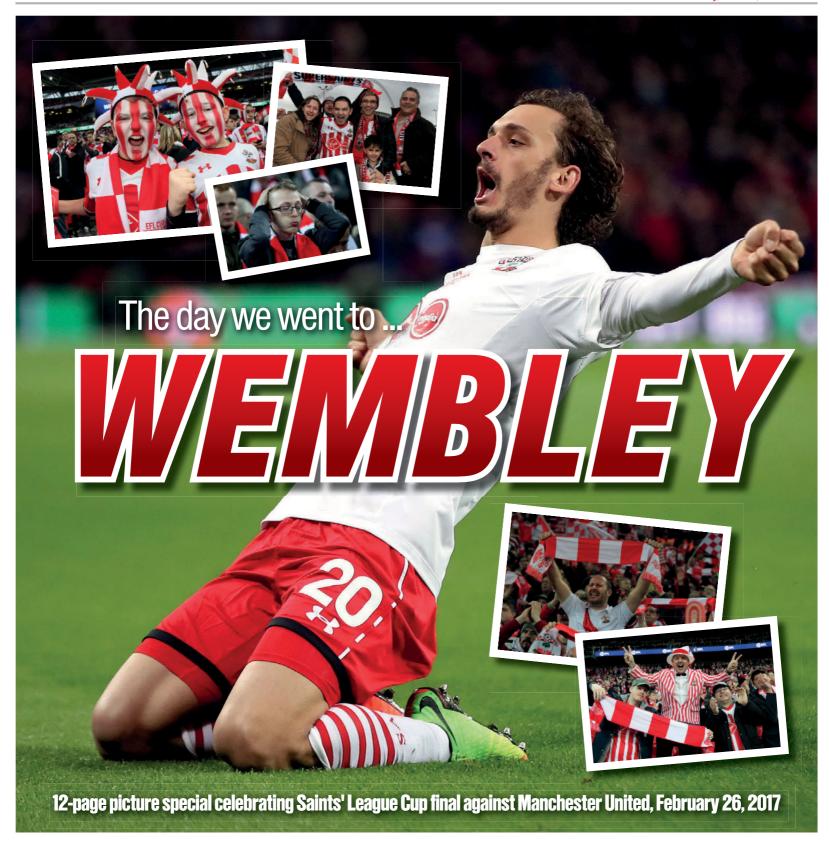
to score and a 0-0 stalemate did neither club any favours as they looked to trim the gap on the Southern One South & West's top

After slipping up 1-0 at Bishops Cleeve last Saturday, City really needed to win to stand any realistic hope of a late play-off shout.

Having soaked up some early Bideford pressure, they almost went one up late in the first half when Andy Jenkinson hit the post with a beautifully struck free-kick and Jamie Ford was unable to convert the rebound.

There was much defending for City to do after the break with ex-Eastleigh 'keeper Lewis Noice tipping Billy Tucker's effort round the post and the outstanding Mills weighing in with important blocks.

Winchester used all three subs, including a debut for ex-AFC Totton winger Nick Watts, but the closest they came to scoring was when top gun Craig Feeney had a shot saved and the follow-up blocked.





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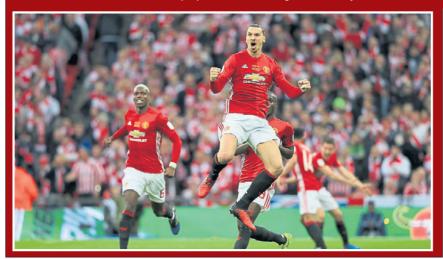




















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UNITED GO 2-0 UP, BUT GABBIADINI STRIKES EITHER







Jesse Lingard about to put United 2-0 up.











Saints alive! Manolo Gabbiadini, top and above, strikes twice either side of half-time.

















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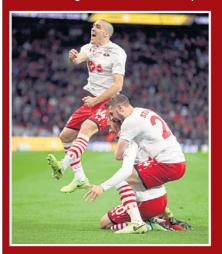


Paul Pogba looks on as Manolo Gabbiadini equalises.





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Maya Yoshida goes flying as Marcus Rojo makes a challenge



So close - Oriol Romeu's header is about to rebound off a United post.

















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- BUT IT'S ZLATAN WHO HAS THE FINAL SAY LATE ON









Saints fans in good voice after Manolo Gabbiadini's equaliser at Wembley.



Heartbreaker - Zlatan Ibrahimovic (second right) heads United's late winner.









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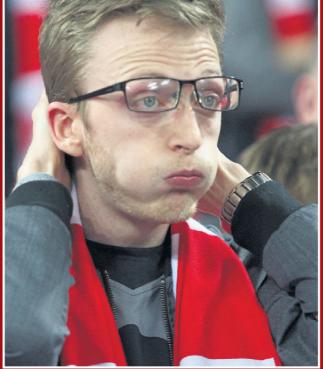


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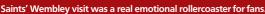






















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Topley set for 'pivotal few weeks'

REECE Topley is looking forward to making his competitive return for Hampshire next month.

The 22-year-old England international, who has played ten ODIs and six T20 internationals, had surgery on his left shoulder during the winter, having broken his hand on his Hampshire debut last April But the former Essex left-armer is confident of playing a

significant role for Hampshire

The shoulder is really good I'm well ahead of schedule compared to where I should be which is good and I'm looking forward to getting out there,'

"The injury was initially worse than expected which was surprising and frustrating. "I basically tore my cartilage

in the shoulder which caused me quite a lot of pain but that's all behind me now."

The recovery process has been aided by Topley's gym work, guided by advice from medical specialists and the club's strength and conditioning to the conditioning the strength and conditio

ing team.

Whilst he is still yet to bowl a ball in competitive cricket



for Hampshire, Topley feels he is in good shape in his preseason preparations ahead of the opener

"I'm where every other bowler is at the minute – just trying to get my action and technique in order for the summer and also increasing my preparations and workload so that's up to scratch in time for the new

Topley will bowl outdoors for the first time this winter during Hampshire's pre-season tour to Barbados next week.

"At the minute I'm gently bowling with the idea that, by the time I get to Barbados, I'll be able to run in off my full run and bowl decent spells at high quality batsmen.

"I've never normally had pre-season as I've been playing somewhere but these next few weeks are pivotal in getting myself in good shape for the first game of the season.

"I want to show my teammates and coaches that I can add value to the side.

"It's been a long time coming and I do feel more pressure given that it's been a year since I last played, but that's something to be embraced."

HAMPSHIRE CRICKET Hants' bowlers

By Simon



HAMPSHIRE will have a full battery of fast bowlers in Barbados when they return to the Caribbean next week.

Reece Topley, Fidel Edwards, Chris Wood and Ryan Stevenson, all missed most of last season But they are all aiming to be bowling at full throttle in the Carib-

Topley, Wood and Stevenson will soon be joining Fidel, who was signed after playing against Hampshire in Barbados two years ago, in the Bajan's homeland on Thursday.

The rest of the squad, including new Kolpak signing Kyle Abbott, will join them next Sunday for what will be Hampshire's seventh successive pre-season trip to the Caribbean.

There was great optimism before the start of last season, largely due to the prospect of Edwards, the 46-wicket hero of the 2015 Great Escape, and marquee signing Reece Topley sharing the new ball.

That was soon gone as Topley suffered a broken hand while batting on his first day as a Hampshire player, against Warwickshire at the Ageas Bowl on April

A week later, Edwards was in agony on the Headingley outfield after suffering a serious ankle injury while playing football with his teammates before the final day's play against county champions Yorkshire

It soon got worse as Wood's attempts to play through another knee injury failed to come off in the next match against eventual champions Middlesex at the beginning of May.

A stress fracture of the back, sustained during the Great Escape, limited Stevenson to four white-ball appearances in June.

But Hampshire director of cricket Giles White is confident that Topley, Stevenson, Edwards and Wood will soon be bowling at their best.

"The injured bowlers are undergoing a back-to-bowl programme which at the moment means bowling at 75 per cent with a view to bowling off their full run-ups in Barbados," he said.

"We're hopeful everyone will be fit to bowl properly come Thursday. At the moment they're doing a lot of indoor work, apart from Fidel, who is already there playing in a two-day game in Barbados this week.

"All in all we're happy with how things are going and I'm looking forward to seeing them all bowl-

Last season's injury crisis saw the likes of Andy Carter, Gareth Andrew and Tino Best drafted in on short-term contracts

It is hoped there will not be a need for any short-term measures

JA Tomlinson is a familiar name that will be missing from Hampshire scorecards in 2017 following his retirement to the coaching ranks.

But Brad Wheal's encouraging progress, the all-round skills of Gareth Berg and the re-signing of Abbott on a long-term Kol-pak deal, should give Hampshire enough strength in depth.

Hampshire have spent two weeks in Barbados every preseason since 2011 and this trip will have a familiar itinerary, including friendly matches against county opposition.

against Not-Two-day games against Not-tinghamshire and Northamptonshire will sandwich a T20 match against Durham MCCU.

There will be a good balance between training and game time," says White. "The wickets are very good there which is important.



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are ready to fire



"It's a great environment to train in having been indoors all winter. Hopefully we can adapt quickly and have good weather when we return for our pre-season games in England."

New signing Rilee Rossouw is one player who will not be in Barbados. He is having some time off following a month-long stint at the Pakistan Super League, where he helped the Quetta Gladiators reach tomorrow's final in Lahore before pulling out this week – along with fellow overseas players Kevin Pietersen, Tymal Mills and Luke Wright – due to security concerns.

The 27 year-old left-hander scored 60 and an unbeaten 76 in his first two games for Quetta last month and finished his stint as the tournament's third-highest run scorer (255 at 42.5 and a strike rate of 123.18) behind Pakistan's Babar Azam and former West Indies international Dwayne Smith.

(Pietersen was not far behind with 242 runs at 34.42 at a strike rate of 151)

Roosouw had been considering playing in the final but following the lead of his English teammates

on Wednesday, when he tweeted:

"For those still unsure its with a sad heart that I must announce that i will not be taking part in the final...The people and fans of @TeamQuetta are the most passionate and humble ive ever met. Thank you for my time here and all the support!!!"

all the support!!!"

There will be other Hampshire players absent from the Barbados trip due to overseas commitments, George Bailey being one.

The overseas signing's recent form has been very encouraging.

Tasmania's captain scored an unbeaten double hundred for his state against New South Wales this week, taking his Sheffield Shield aggregate for 2016/17 to an impressive 759 at 75.9.

Bearing in mind teams play a maximum of 11 games in a Sheffield Shield season that is some effort

He is the competition's top scorer and only needs another 20 runs for the highest season's aggregate of his career.

It would not be a surprise if he surpasses it in the 16-match Championship season given his extended availability this year. The form of Mason Crane, who

The form of Mason Crane, who has taken a lot of wickets for Gordon CC in Australia, has also been encouraging.

Tom Alsop has not been in the best of form for the England Lions of late but he and Liam Dawson, who is currently with England's one-day squad in the Caribbean, will have gained much from their recent international experience.

Alsop, Crane and Dawson and Hampshire captain James Vince will not be in Barbados either due to their inclusion in the South squad for the three 50-over matches against the North in Dubai, from March 15-21.

Vince will captain the South, whose Hampshire quartet make up the biggest contingent from one county in either squad.

Michael Carberry's return to training, after being diagnosed with cancer last year, has also been a boost as Hampshire prepare for a difficult start to the season

After friendlies against Sussex (March 30/31, Hove) and Cardiff MCCU (Ageas Bowl, April 2-4) Hampshire begin their Specsavers County Championship campaign against Yorkshire at Headingley on April 7, before hosting champions Middlesex and Yorkshire again before April is out.

"It could not be a more difficult start to the season acknowledges White. "But on balance I'm very pleased with the squad.

"We've got good young players coming through and we've signed some high quality players to complement them. "We've got an exciting squad"

Ryan's ready to make up for lost time

RYAN Stevenson says he will have to be dragged of the pitch this season.

pitch this season.

The 24 year-old all-rounder is close to a full recovery from the back injury that ruled him out for all but four white-ball matches last season.

Hampshire director of cricket Giles White signed him after spotting him playing for Devon in 2015

By the end of the season, Stevenson had earned a two-year contract after impressing with bat and ball during Hampshire's Great Escape.

But he was then diagnosed with a stress fracture.

"2016 was pretty frustrating but it's made me want to spend as much time on the field as possible this year – you'll have to drag me off the pitch this year!" he laughed.

With the 2017 season just around the corner, Stevenson feels his recovery and training are going well and is excited about what the



Ryan Stevenson

coming year could bring with his pre-season preparations now building.

"I have started bowling again and that's gone well so I'm feeling good and feeling strong," said Stevenson.

"I've spent a lot of time in the gym since the injury, building up strength and making sure that all the parts of me are as they should be.

"I feel like I've got plenty of momentum going in my rehab and it's progressing nicely so hopefully I'll be bowling at my full capacity again soon.

"I'm just trying to make the most of the opportunity that I've got this year.
"It's a big year but I'm looking forward to getting back on the field enjoying it as much as I can because that's when I play my best cricket.

"Hopefully that'll lead to more time and success here. "But first and foremost

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League title showdown

PETER Symonds can take a step closer to retaining the Hampshire Colleges title with a win over Barton Peveril at Bereweeke Road on Wednesday afternoon.

The pair have already fought out several exciting league and cup matches this season, but if PSC complete the double they will remain hot favourites for a second consecutive crown.

BP currently lead the field by a solitary point, having cancelled out a 1-0 Queen Mary's half-time lead to win 3-1 in Basingstoke in midweek.

Jamie Barnes, Harry Prisk and Miles Gibson, pictured, turned the game around in the second half.

Symonds, meanwhile, mauled Andover 7-3 with a brace of goals from Max Kirwan and George Hodgkins.

The influential Harry Bayles, Teegan Clarkey and left-sider Jay Bugg completed the scoring.



ESFA Under-18 finalists Farnborough salvaged a point with a late equaliser which earned a 4-4 draw against Richard Tauntons at Hill Lane.

RTC went 1-0 up but early in the second half trailed 3-1 after a Harvey Griffiths equaliser and a Liam Whyte brace. But Tauntons came

But Tauntons came storming back to lead 4-3 through Efu Kazadzi (2), Elliott Mitchell-Lea and Kenny Gatera – only for Cameron Smith to save the day late on for Farnborough.

Poole Grammar are all but home and dry in the B Division, the title edging a tad closer after Tom Smith, Kieron Denty, and Cameron May scored in the 3-1 win over Chichester.

The Peter Symonds-Barton Peveril second team clash at on Wednesday will probably decide the Second XI League title.

PSC thumped Andover 7-1, with playmaker Joe Sutherden bagging a hattrick alongside strikes by Ben Frape, Billy Rolls, Sam Ross, and Jamie Driver.

Depleted Hampshire beaten for first time

A LATE goal sent a depleted Hampshire Colleges side slipping to a gallant 4-3 defeat against Sussex – their first loss in the South West Counties Under-18 Championships.

"We were without seven of our normal squad, so took a bare 11 with us. Given the numbers missing, this was a tremendous performance and the boys should be proud," said county manager

Luke Hampton.

Prospects looked bleak when Sussex swept into a 3-0 lead, but a response from Peter Symonds' hot shot Max Kirwan before halftime gave Hampshire some hope.

"A tactical change of shape in midfield saw us take control of the midfield and start to dominate the game," Hampton revealed.

Midway through the second period Kirwan bustled his way through after a long kick from keeper Matt Russell to make it 3-2.

He then grabbed himself another goal in similar fashion, after being put through by PSC teammate Harry Bayles, securing his second county hat-trick of the season for the county team.

Both teams had chances to win it late on, with Kirwan hitting the post from close range.

But Sussex finally got the win-

ner with five minutes to go.

Hampshire: Matt Russell (F'boro), Jack Barnes (Itchen), Freddie Molyneux (RTC), Jordan N'Galo (Portsmouth), Harry Prisk (Barton Peveril), Jack Wilson (Itchen), Alex Haynes (BP), Louis-Rae Bentley (Sparsholt), Tom Steggall (Peter Symonds), Max Kirwan (PSC), Harry Bayles

Proud Itchen show how far they've come

Mike **Vimpany**



ITCHEN'S recent cup triumphs in the English Colleges Women's tournaments culminated in their elevation this season to the upper echelons of the AOC Premier Under-21 Cup, a competition which allowed the likes of Tottenham Hotspur, Birmingham City, Brighton & Hove Albion, and Bristol City to enter their academy teams.

That was all well and good, except that Itchen lost eight of the side that were 2015/16 cup winners, so virtually entered a newlook team.

Beating Barking 3-1 and Worthing 4-3 enabled Itchen to top their group – and land a juicy home quarter-final tie against Bristol City, whose girls' side have celebrated promotion to the top flight of the FAWSL, the country's top women's league.

Former Fareham-based Itchen students Jodie Brett and Millie Farrar, on loan from Chelsea, helped Bristol achieve their success in the tie.

"Bristol City are part of the South Gloucestershire and Stroud College, a massive sports complex at Filton, just outside Bristol," explained Itchen coach Steve Perkins.

"They have players' accommodation (along the same lines as Sparsholt) so girls travel from all over the country and live in, just as they would at a university."

"After we won the national under-19 knockout cup last year, the AOC introduced a ruling stating that the cup winner would be entered automatically into the under-21 Premier competition.

"Unfortunately we lost eight of last year's side, so it's a new team now."

Without the services of Lauren



ON THE BALL: Itchen's Brianey Morrell against Bristol City. Pictures: Stuart Martin



Itchen keeper Mel Burns makes a save

Stone and Jemma McLees, both on a college ski trip to Austria, Itchen held their own for 25 minutes against a talented Bristol side brimming with internationals.

"We gave them a good game for 60 minutes until the fitness levels kicked in," Perkins said.

Itchen lost 10-0 in the end, but as Perkins said: "The beauty of competing at this elite level is that the girls can see what they need to as-

"The Bristol City side was quite simply the most complete and most effective team I have ever seen in women's football.

"Technically, the Itchen girls matched them, but they were on a different level fitness-wise. These are girls who clearly train every day and work on their core strength in the gym.

strength in the gym.
"Our girls were on their knees
and chasing shadows from then
on, and the Bristol City finishing
was clinical to say the least.

"Their side was stuffed full of internationals and it was a treat to see the quality of football played by both teams."

PINK

Mourinho: Shaw can still shine at United

JOSE Mourinho believes ex-Saint Luke Shaw has the potential to shine at Manchester United for years to come, despite not even including the left-back in many recent squads.

This was supposed to be a season to cherish for the 21-year-old after a bright start to the previous campaign was halted by a sickening double leg break.

Instead, the former St Mary's star has been restricted to just 14 matches as niggling issues on the comeback trail have made it hard to win over Mourinho.

The England international has made just one appearance since returning to fitness in mid-January, with his manager last week saying he had dropped down to fourth-choice left-back -despite being Unit-ed's only specialist in the position.

Few could blame Shaw for fearing for his future, yet Mourinho, impressed by improved fitness levels, named him in the squad for the Premier League match against Bournemouth and sees the full-back in his long-term thinking.

"I think I have the best right-back in the world and I rotate a lot in the right-back position," the United manager said.

"I think (Antonio) Valencia is absolutely phenomenal and we played this season Valencia, (Matteo) Darmian, Ashley Young, Eric Bailly, Tim Fosu-Mensah, Axel Tuanzebe.

"I had six different right-backs on the pitch this season, so sometimes you do it by circumstances.

"In practical terms we have lots of left-backs. It doesn't look like it but the reality is that (Daley) Blind, Shaw, (Marcos) Rojo, Darmian are all playing left back and can play there. They are different players.

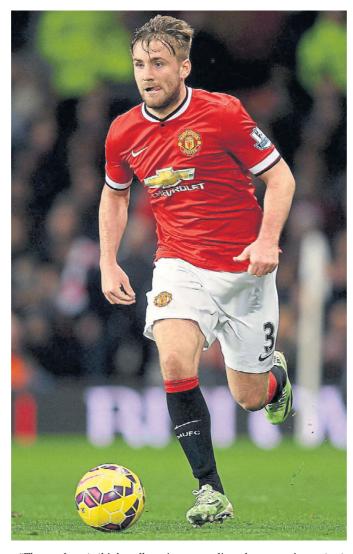
"I think the one that should be in the couple of years the best of all because potentially he should have all the conditions to be the best of all - is Luke Shaw.

"By age, by physicality, by intensity, by being aggressive going forward, he should be the best. But to be the best you need to work hard. It's what he's trying to do."

Shaw should get game time given the EFL Cup winners remain fighting in the league, FA Cup and Europa League, leading to a bloated, uneven fixture list that means Mourinho will have to rotate smartly.

"The second position is very difficult but it's very possible," he said of United's Premier League chances. "First is impossible. Second is possible and we have to fight for it.

"The Europa League is very difficult, but it's a target for us and if we beat Rostov and we find ourselves in the quarter-final.



"Then we have to think really seriously about the Europa League because in this moment we are still in the last 16.

"We are still far but when a team gets in the last eight and you go to the quarter-final draw.

"Quarter-final, you smell the final and then in a certain period of the season I have to analyse my team, the players, the conditions of everyone and if I have to make choices, I have to make choices.

"But choices that I would always share with my owners, with my board but it's not for now."

Mourinho, who thinks the next transfer window will take United to a "different level", was in jovial mood as he met the media, opening proceedings by answering not-yetasked questions about Shaw and Wayne Rooney.

The Portuguese has raised a smile on more than one occasion over recent weeks and added: "I think Manchester United learn I am not the monster that you [the media) say I am, I'm not such a bad guy, an arrogant guy, a different person to work with.

"At least until now nobody at the training ground runs away when I arrive. So people are quite happy to have me around.

"I'm happy. My feeling is everyone is happy but obviously my contract is three years, not seven or eight months and I want evolution and improvement."

Jose Mourinho is hoping that former Saints defender Luke Shaw proves his worth for Manchester United



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Bashley starlet signs for Surrey

By Mike Vimpany



RISING Bashley (Rydal) star Brad Currie will concentrate on getting good A-level results - before embarking on the next step of his cricket career with Surrey.

The former Poole Grammar School pupil has been snapped up by the county on an Academy contract after impressing in a match against them, writes Mike

Left-arm pace bowler Currie, who also plays for Dorset, starred for Millfield School in a friendly against the Surrey young guns

Currie made eight Minor Counties appearances last year and earned a 12-month Oval deal after helping Surrey Young Cricketers to a unique ECB Under-17 County Championship and 50-over cup

He also won a sports scholar-ship to Millfield and is studying A-levels in french, accountancy and economics at the Somerset public school.

Currie staked a claim for potential England under-19 recognition when he gave selectors food for thought with a six-wicket haul in the ECB Under-17 Super 4s regional tournament at Loughbor-

He explained: "I wasn't selected for the current Lions tour to India but am hoping that was a blessing in disguise so I can concentrate on my studies.

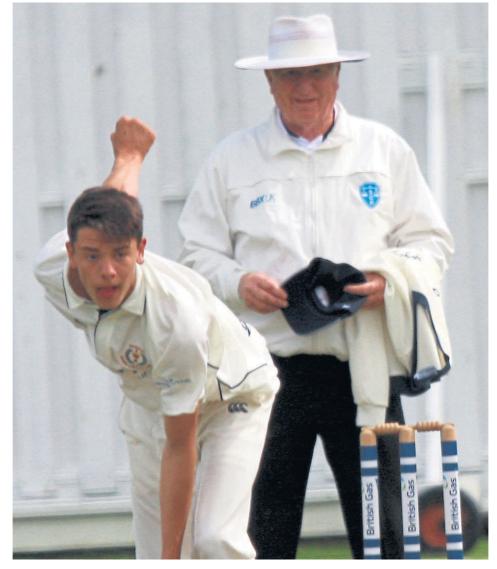
"I just need to focus on getting good A-levels while still playing cricket and then I can solely focus on my sport.

"Hopefully, I can make the England squad for next year's Under-19 ICC World Cup in New Zealand.'

Currie will soon have the difficulty of trying to balance his cricket with his studies as he starts his Surrey regime this weekend with a training session at The Oval when he will bowl at the county's full-time profession-

"I have never been to The Oval," he revealed. "At Easter, we are off to Sri Lanka with the Surrey Academy so it is all very exciting me for.

Asked how the contract offer had come about, Currie said: "I had been doing some training with Somerset and played a few games for their 2nd XI. under-19s and academy teams, but nothing



Brad Currie

was concrete.

"The Surrey connection all started when Millfield played against their academy. I managed to take five for 33 and things kicked off from there.

"Their academy director spoke to me after the game and laid some cards on the table.

"I had an academy offer from both Surrey and Hampshire and a development place with Somerset and, after weighing it all up, I chose Surrey."

Currie, who shone through the Dorset junior age groups, and has

been enjoying a break from cricket following a strenuous 2016 season playing for Millfield and Sur-rey YCs, alongside turning out for Dorset and Bashley in the ECB Southern Premier League.

"It was a pretty demanding summer one way and another, but hugely satisfying to have progressed as far as I have. I stayed fit and learned a huge amount," he added.

Before Christmas, Currie went to India with Millfield and finished the tour as joint leading wicket-taker and with a batting

average of 37.

He added: "It was an amazing experience for us all, a real eye opener, both culturally and from a cricketing aspect.

"It was great to play at different grounds, play against some really good players and in conditions alien to ourselves.

"Overall, we only won two out of five games. On reflection, we felt we should have won four, but I think we learned more from the defeats and, ultimately, that was what the tour was about - learn-

England's winning run

England registered a 17th consecutive Test victory after toppling Italy 36-15 at Twickenham, leaving them one win adrift of New Zealand's record run of 18. Here, the Sports Pink examines the winning run.

2015

England 60 Uruguay 3 -Manchester City Stadium, October 10

A meaningless rout of Uruguay was the final act of the Stuart Lancaster regime, England having already been knocked out of their own World Cup.

Scotland 9 England 15 -Murrayfield, February 6 George Kruis and Jack Nowell crossed either side of half-time as the Eddie Jones era was launched with victory.



Eddie Jones

Italy 9 England 40 -Stadio Olimpico, February

The "good hiding" of Italy demanded by Jones was duly delivered with Jonathan Joseph plundering a hat-trick of

England 21 Ireland 10 -Twickenham, February 27

England began healing their World Cup wounds by dispatching their 6 Nations title rivals.

England 25 Wales 21 -Twickenham, March 12
The Grand Slam started

to become a reality, but England were forced to survive a dramatic late fightback by Wales having led 19-0 and 25-7.

France 21 England -Stade de France, March 19 England completed their first Grand Slam since 2003

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Famous five: England's most memorable 50-over matches

THIS summer's ICC Champions Trophy is just three months away and hosts England are currently in the West Indies for a three-match one-day series in preparation for the tourna-

England's trips to the Caribbean have produced some memorable 50-over fixtures in the past and the Sports Pink has taken a look at five of the best:

1. February 4, 1981 - Classy Croft puts tourists to the sword

When West Indies fell for a meagre 127 runs, an England victory seemed assured. Colin Croft, however, had other ideas. The fearsome fast bowler took six wickets for just 15 runs as the

visitors crumbled. 2. March 2, 1994 - England slump to record defeat

A dominant display by Brian Lara and co had set the visitors a hefty target of 314, but they could not even make it halfway. Graeme Hick topscored with 32 as England succumbed to a 165-run loss, the joint-worst margin of defeat in England's one-day his-

3. April 21, 2007 - Pietersen shines as Lara bids farewell

It may have been a dead rubber, but this World Cup contest was anything but dull. Lara's final international match was a fine spectacle, and Kevin Pietersen's century sent England on their way to a hard-earned victory by

a single wicket with a ball to spare.
4. March 20, 2009 - Dyson shocker hands England victory

In the first of a five-match series, fading light left West Indies needing 27 from 22 balls after a closely contested affair. But their coach, John Dyson, misread the Duckworth-Lewis chart and called his batsmen in, gifting England the win.

5. March 5, 2014 - Root runs riot

The most recent one-day meeting between the two sides was all about Joe Root, pictured, whose maiden ODI century helped win the series for the tourists. Jos Buttler fell in the final over for 99 and England held on despite a haul of 128 from Denesh Ram-



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England 27 Wales 13 -

Twickenham, May 29 This time Wales launched an early onslaught only to fade in the money-spinning fixture that at least provided England with a warm-up for their tour to Australia.

Australia 28 England 39 - Suncorp Stadium, June 11

England were over-run during an early onslaught by the Wallabies but responded magnificently.

Australia 7 England 23 -

AAMI Stadium, June 18 A first series triumph in the southern hemisphere was delivered.

Australia 40 England 44

- Allianz Stadium, June 25 England delivered possibly their finest display under Jones as they concluded an exhausting season with a thrilling victory.

England 37 South Africa 21 - Twickenham, November 12

A first win over South Africa since 2006 opened the autumn in conclusive fashion.

England 58 Fiji 15 -Twickenham, November

Nine tries were amassed with Joseph, Semesa Rokoduguni and Joe Launchbury crossing

England 27 Argentina 14 Twickenham, November

Elliot Daly was sent off in the fifth minute but England still won.

England 37 Australia 21 - Twickenham, December

A 14th Test victory was recorded as England's alarming early start eventually subsided with an opportunist try from Joseph the turning point.

England 19 France 16 -Twickenham, February 4 It took the arrival of the

cavalry from the bench to break French resistance, Ben Te'o producing strong carries before picking a clever line for the decisive

Wales 16 England 21 Principality Stadium, February 11 The most exciting win of

Jones' reign saw England snatch victory through a dramatic late try from Elliot Daly engineered by

England 36 Italy 15 -Twickenham, February 26 Italy's refusal to form

rucks confused England, who trailed 10-5 at halftime before powering clear in the final 10 minutes with Nowell crossing twice.



An artist's impression of the clubhouse plans

Basingstoke & North Hants have announced exciting plans for a £1.5m pavilion and clubhouse redevelopment at their idyllic treelined May's Bounty ground.

The project, which is very much at embryo stage, envisages the demolition of the existing pavilion - which the club believes is no longer fit for use - and its replacement (on the same corner site) with a brand new and enlarged two-storey building, as illustrated

It is hoped that, once it is open and fully operational, the new modern facility will attract Hampshire to play county championship cricket at May's Bounty for the first time since Durham's visit in 2010.

Since then, only Second XI Championship and junior county age group cricket has been played on the ground.

Basingstoke themselves field five Saturday league teams, a Sunday XI, colts teams and host the annual and long established midweek evening Guy Jewell knockout competitions.

Rugby and soccer is played on the adjoining Castle Field during the winter months.

Basingstoke Sports & Social (BSSC) club chairman Steve Rayner explained: "The existing clubhouse and changing facilities at May's Bounty are fast becoming inadequate for the purpose of weekend sports and evening events.

"The building – the roof in particular - is in need of constant maintenance and is becoming expensive to maintain.

Flexibility

"The purpose of the redevelopment is to provide a new building that offers the flexibility and accommodation for multi-sports and events so that the club maybe used year-round and accessible to all who wish to use it, particularly the disabled.

The May's Bounty proposal includes four ground-floor unisex changing facilities for cricket, football and rugby, two unisex dressing rooms for indoor sports, such as squash, alongside a physiotherapists and first aid room and two lots of changing rooms for referees and umpires.

The upper deck of the pavilion will have a spacious balcony looking out across the main cricket ground, an enlarged social function room and licensed bar and refreshment areas.

Basingstoke's emerging proposals have already received a positive feedback following a recent public exhibition.

"The proposed plans were well received by the members, residents and sporting bodies, with over 150 people attending the exhibition at the club over the two

"So far there have been no negative responses," smiled Mr Rayner, who is hopeful an application for planning consent will be made in the coming months.

So, how does the Basingstoke

Sports & Social Club plan to raise £1.5m to fund the project? Rayner explained that he had

been in constant communication with Sport England, the England & Wales Cricket Road, the HCB. Hampshire Cricket, the RFU, England Squash and Racketball and the Basingstoke & Deane District Council and, more recently, with the Football Association regarding the May's Bounty redevelopment and funding.

'The cost of the project will be around £1.5m. The club has 10 per cent to put down and, if required, can raise a further £200k.

"The remainder of the money will need to come from grants, donations, business etc.

"We have just received our Community Amateur Sports Club status, which I understand gives us other opportunities for funding.

Basingstoke are hoping that, provided planning permission is obtained and all the funding is in place, they will be in a position to start the May's Bounty pavilion and clubhouse redevelopment in March/April 2018.

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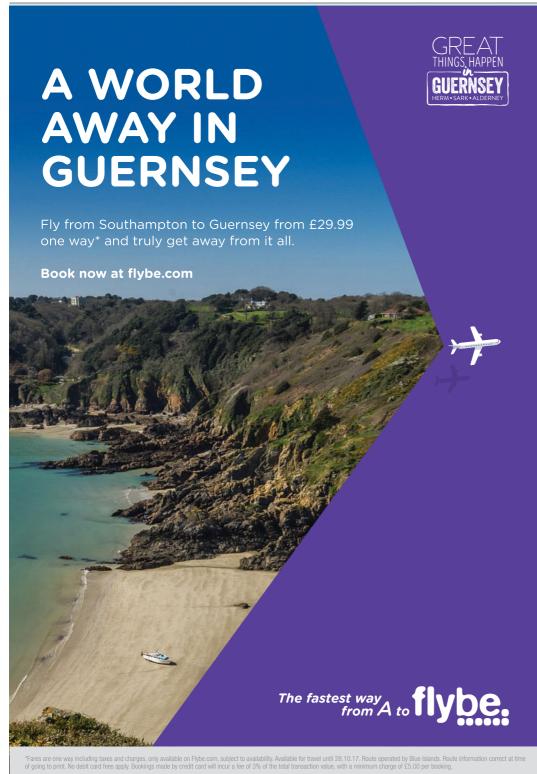




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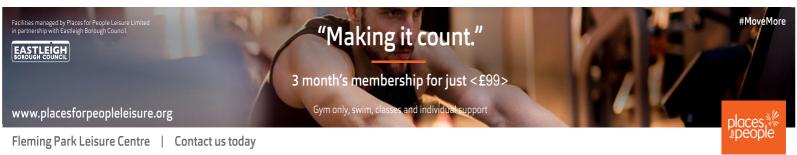
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	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	Pt
Livingston	25	7	1	3	25	11	9	2	3	31	16	51
Alloa	26	5	4	4	23	16	7	4	2	28	17	44
East Fife	26	7	3	4	21	14	3	5	4	14	16	38
Airdrieonians	26	_5	_2	_ 7_	20	28	6	_1_	_ 5_	22	21	36
Brechin	25	5	2	5	15	15	6	0	7	16	18	35
Queen Park	26	5	3	6	13	18	5	2	5	13	19	35
Stranraer	27	5	2	6	21	21	4	3	7	15	19	32

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 2						
Clyde2	Forfar 2					
MacDonald 53 pen	Denholm 25					
Gormley 61	Lister 73					
HT 0-1	Att 490					
Cowdenbth0	Stirling A2					
	R Smith 20, Dickson 47					
HT 0-1	Att 381					
Edinburgh CityP Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.	BerwickP					

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Forfar	27	7	4	2	29	18	9	3	2	26	18	55
Arbroath	27	6	5	3	26	14	7	5	1	22	13	49
Elgin	26	7	2	4	30	16	7	1	5	26	14	45
Annan Ath	27	8	1	4	24	16	. 5	3	6	21	28	43
Montrose	27	3	5	6	16	26	6	3	4	16	17	35
Stirling A	27	5	5	4	18	18	3	4	6	21	28	33
Berwick	25	4	3	5	20	20	3	4	6	13	24	28
Clyde	25	5	3	4	22	20	2	3	8	12	24	27
Edinburgh (City26	2	4	7	12	17	4	4	5	11	15	26
Cowdenbth	25	3	1	9	11	19	2	3	7	16	27	19

Vanarama National League

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Aldershot0	Lincoln City 0 Att 3.595
Barrow0	Sutton Utd0 Att 1,145
Boreham W0	Bromley0
Braintree Town1	Wrexham2 Massanka 4 Shenton 64
HT 1-1 Dover 0 HT 0-0	Solihull Moors 0 Att 1,104
Forest Grn3 Doidge 12 Noble 52	Macclesfld0
Ellis 71 HT 1-0 Gateshead	Att 1,569 Dagenham0
HT 0-0 Maidstone Utd4 Loza 38,45 pen Pigott 60 Lokko 70	Southport2 McKenna 3 Allen 51
HT 2-1 N Ferriby	Woking1 Ugwu 26
HT 1-1 Torquay L Verma 25	GuiseleyL Cassidy 64 Hatfield 72
HT 1-0 York3 Parkin 7,13	Att 1,446 EASTLEIGH

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incoln City	33	11	4	2	37	14	10	2	4	26	18	69	
Forest Grn	34	9	8	1	37	21	10	1	5	34	21	66	
Tranmere	33	11	2	3	23	13	9	4	4	27	16	66	
Dagenham	35	9	3	6	27	24	11	- 1	5	32	16	64	
Dover	35	10	_4	4	39	24	 8	2	_ 7_	28	25	60	
Aldershot	36	11	4	3	29	11	5	7	6	19	21	59	
Gateshead	35	8	8	2	33	15	8	2	7	26	21	58	
Barrow	34	9	6	2	28	11	5	7	5	22	22	55	
Macclesfld	33	8	1	7	23	16	8	4	5	22	18	53	
Wrexham		10	4	4	21	16	4	6	8	16	27	52	
Chester FC	35	8	3	6	32	22	4	7	7	22	28	46	
Bromley	36	8	2	8	21	31	5	5	8	21	25	46	
Boreham W	35	6	6	5	13	10	5	5	8	20	23	44	
Solihull Mooi			2	8	27	26	5	6	7	18	23	44	
EASTLEIGH		6	5	7	22	22	4	8	6	23	27	43	
Sutton Utd		10	3	3	22	15	2	4	11	14	28	43	
Braintree Tn		4	4	9	17	25	7	4	7	24	28	41	
Maidstone U			3	9	25	36	5	4	9	19	27	40	
Guiseley	35	8	5	5	29	23	2	3	12	13	31	38	
Noking	36	7	5	6	26	24	3	2	13	24	42	37	
Torquay	34	7	4	6	26	21	2	4	11	12	27	35	
N Ferriby	36	5	2	11	11	24	5	1	12	12	29	33	
York	35	5	7	6	22	21	1	7	9	12	33	32	
Southport	35	5	4	8	26	35	3	3	12	14	40	31	

Vanarama Nati	onal Lge Sth
Concord Rgs0	Margate 0
Dartford	Bath City0
Eastbourne Borough2 Bosma 11 Romain 27	,
HT 2-0 Ebbsfleet United6 Cook 26,42, Drury 36,65 Powell 81, McQueen 90 HT 3-1	East Thurrock1 Harris 9 pen
H Hempstead	Chelmsford 2 Dickson 64,90
Maidenhead Utd0	Hampton & Richmond0
Poole TownP Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.	Hungerford TownP
St Albans0	B Stortfrd 1 Ford 46 Att 602
Wealdstone2 Wellard 31 Tajbakhsh 37	Gosport Borough1 Dawson 7
HT 2-1 Weston-S-Mare3 Grubb 20 Ash 32,76 pen	Oxford C0
HT 2-0 Whitehawk	Att 436 Welling U0

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NON LEAGUE **FOOTBALL**

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH Concord Rangers 0 Margate 0 Dartford 2 Bath City 0 Eastbourne Borough 2 Truro 0
Ebbsfleet 6 East Thurrock 1
Hemel Hempstead 2 Chelmsford 2 Hemel Hempstead 2 Chelmstord 2 Maidenhead 0 Hampton 8. Richmond 0 Poole pp Hungerford 5t Albans 0 Bishops Stortford 1 Wealdstone 2 Gosport Borough 1 Weston-super-Mare 3 Oxford City 0 Whitehawk 1 Welling 0

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division
Biggleswade 2 Merthyr Town 5
Chesham 1 Cinderford 0 Chesham 1 Cinderford 0
Chippenham I Dunstable 0
Criencester 1 Hayes & Yeading 2
Frome 1 Banbury 2
Kings Lynn 2 Stratford 0
Kings Langley pp Cambridge City
Learnington 2 St Neots 0
Redditch 4 Dorchester 2
Slough 3 Basingstoke 2
Si twes pp Hitchin
Weymouth 3 Kettering 2
Division One South & West
Barnstaple 1 Salisbury 4
Didcot A-A Hereford
Latkhall 1 Evesham 2 Didcot A-A Hereford
Larkhall 1 Evesham 2
Paulton Rovers pp Bideford
Shortwood Utd pp Mangostsfield
Slimbridge pp AFC Totton
Swindon Supermarine 3 Bridgwater 1
Tiverton 4 North Leigh 1
Winsbarge 6 Meatage 1 Wimborne 4 Wantage 1 Winchester City 1 Taunton 1 Yate 2 Bishops Cleeve 1

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

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Alresford 5 Bournemouth Poppies 2 Amesbury 1 Blackfield & Langley 4 Andover Town 5 Verwood 1 Bemerton HH 1 Bashley 1 Cowes Sports 1 Whitchurch Graeham pp Fawley Newport IoW 2 Brockenhust 2 Poptiand 4 Horndean 1 Portland 4 Horndean 1 Sholing pp Moneyfields Team Solent 1 Lymington 2

Division One

AFC Stoneham 5 Alton 3 AFC Stoneham 5 Alton 3 Andover NS pp Hamble Club Baffins MR 3 Laverstock & Ford 1 Christchurch 0 Hythe & Dibden 0 Downton 2 Weymouth Res 3 East Cowes Vics 2 New Milton 1 Pewsey Vale 2 Follands 2 Shaftesbury 2 Ringwood 1 Tadley Calleva 1 Fleet Spurs 0 US Portsmouth pp Romsey Town

PLIMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division
Paulsgrove 3 Liphook 0
Winchester Castle 1 Liss Athletic 2
Division One
Four Marks 4 Upham 0
Headley Utd 1 AFC Petersfield 2
Conth Marcas Swife 0, Suppl. 0 South Wonston Swifts 0 Sway 0
Combination Division Liphook 4 Headley Utd 1
Overton Utd 3 Hedge End Rangers 2
All other games postpone

HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP Semi-final Locks Heath 2 Shanklin 1

WYVERN COMBINATIONLEAGUE

Division One East Alton 5 Bosham 0 Hamble Club 0 Sholing 2 Division One West Rournemouth 3 Downton 0 Lymington Town 4 Laverstock & Ford 1

DREW SMITH GROUP SOUTHAMPTON Premier
Soton University 2 Chamberlayne AFC 10
Senior 1
Priory Rovers 2 AFC Botley 1

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